

## Message Text

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ACTION EB-07

INFO OCT-01 ARA-10 ISO-00 SP-02 AID-05 NSC-05 RSC-01

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FM AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8327

INFO AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN

AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

UNCLAS BRIDGETOWN 0122

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD BB GJ

SUBJ: TRADE REFORM ACT (TRA)

REF: (A) STATE 282967; (B) GEORGETOWN 0036; (C) STATE 012512

1. EMBOFF CONTACTED GOB OFFICIALS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS RE GSP BENEFICIARY STATUS AND PRESENTED DIPLOMATIC NOTES WITH AS MUCH ACCOMPANYING DATA AS WE COULD PROVIDE TO GOB AND GOG JANUARY 22. GOB TRADE MINISTER SENATOR BRANFORD TAITT TOLD EMBOFF THAT SAME DATE THAT BARBADOS "CERTAINLY NEEDED DESIGNATION AS GSP BENEFICIARY COUNTRY" BUT NEITHER HE NOR OTHER OFFICIALS WERE ABLE TO STATE WHEN SUCH APPLICATION MIGHT BE MADE OR WHETHER IT WOULD BE MADE ON INDIVIDUAL OR CARICOM BASIS. IN LIGHT OF REF (C), WE CONSIDER IT LIKELY THAT GOB WILL OPT FOR INDIVIDUAL TREATMENT. WE HAVE URGED BOTH GOB AND GOG OF NEED FOR PROMPT RESPONSE.

2. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE COULD PROVIDE BOTH GOVERNMENTS WITH COPY OF TRA AS PASSED.

3. WE ASSUME THAT REVERSE PREFERENCES ISSUE WOULD BE PROBLEM FOR BOTH COUNTRIES PENDING CONCLUSION OF NEW TRADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH UK/EEC/NEGOTIATIONS FOR WHICH ARE LIKELY TO BE PROLONGED GIVEN  
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PREVIOUS ACP POSITION AND PRESENT CONDITIONS IN UK.

4. EMBASSY HAS NO RECORD OF RECEIPT OF STATE 297785.  
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\*\*\* Current Handling Restrictions \*\*\* n/a

\*\*\* Current Classification \*\*\* UNCLASSIFIED

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